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FROM: STEPHEN JAFFE, Investigator

RE: MR. JAMES BURKE, Dallas
Interview with RICHARD SPRAGUE

On January 13, 1968, RICHARD SPRAGUE interviewed Mr. JAMES BURKE a right-wing, "far right" (as he described him) author. BURKE served in Berlin in World War II and was an advisor to President Eisenhower during his administration. BURKE has also authored several books generally from a conservative point of view.

SPRAGUE felt that there was a definite possibility that some of what BURKE had to say was his own fabrication.

JAMES BURKE related to SPRAGUE that he had known ROBERT OSWALD since the time of the assassination and was supposed to have had a contact to write a book along with ROBERT OSWALD about his brother and about the assassination. The book at that time as OSWALD and BURKE agreed, would be an explanation of how LEE HARVEY OSWALD had to have been innocent in the assassination.

BURKE related that after he and ROBERT OSWALD had made a contract to write this book, ROBERT OSWALD appeared before the Warren Commission. Upon returning to Dallas and visiting with BURKE, after his second appearance before the Warren Commission, OSWALD denied ever having made a contract or any agreement to write a book along with BURKE and decided that he would not want to be in contact with BURKE any more. BURKE claims that ROBERT OSWALD told him two things which were important with regard to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, before ROBERT OSWALD appeared before the Commission.

The first thing that ROBERT OSWALD told JAMES BURKE was that upon OSWALD's visit to his brother LEE after his arrest, LEE HARVEY OSWALD told him "Don't believe this so-called evidence." The second thing which ROBERT OSWALD told BURKE his brother had said at their visit was, "ROBERT, the truth about this whole situation is going to come out in about two or three weeks."

BURKE also told SPRAGUE that he had known a guy who had seen an airplane warming up on the North side of Dallas. SPRAGUE said that BURKE went on to say that this airport was called Redbird Airport. SPRAGUE felt that BURKE might have read this in one article or another which had been written

...ation; that he also felt that since BURKE
... informant as a male, that it might be a third
... the airplane warming up at Redbird Airport as all
... stories had been of two women witnessing an airplane
... up at Redbird Airport. BURKE had said that in the
... at the time was a pilot and one passenger and that
... took place at about 1:30 p.m. on November 22, 1963.